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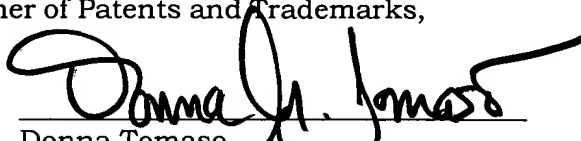
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2001, please amend the above application as follows:

In the claims:

The claims have been amended to read as follows:

1. (twice amended) An isolated peptide comprising the amino acid sequence defined under SEQ ID NO: 1 or amino acid sequence derived therefrom by deletion, substitution or insertion of 1 to 5 amino acid residues or a salt of said peptide, wherein the peptide does not comprise the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID

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